GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1446
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ACQUISITION OF AIRCRAFT ON DRY LEASE
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) Whether the Indian Airlines has proposed to dry lease certain aircraft for its operation as reported in The Times of India dated October 24, 2006 ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) Whether the Indian Airlines is planning to outsource maintenance and other related activities; and

(d) If so, the details and the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. Indian Airlines proposes to take on dry lease basis five A-320 aircraft with CFM engine during January, 2007-April,2007 for lease term of three years/ three years extendable to five years. Two wide body A330-200 aircraft are also proposed to be inducted in June,2007 and November,2007 on lease for a period of 7 years. Indian Airlines` wholly owned subsidiary, Alliance Air, also proposes to induct six 70-seater jet aircraft and six 50-seater ATR-42 turbo-prop aircraft in its fleet on lease.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.